

**REMARKS**

Claims 1 and 3-15 are pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 3-15 stand rejected under 35 USC §103. Claims 2 and 16-25 have been previously canceled. Applicants have currently amended claim 1 to more particularly point out applicants' invention.

**35 USC §103**

The new art cited by the examiner discloses the use of polyparaxylylene as a conformal coating, not a structural element. Applicants believe they are the first to discover that polyparaxylylene can be used as a structural element. Applicant apply polyparaxylylene as a conformal coating in a sacrificial substrate, apply metal traces and a second polyparaxylylene layer, and then removed the structure from the sacrificial substrate, resulting in structural polyparaxylylene. Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to include the limitation "a first structural self supporting polyparaxylylene layer".

**Conclusion**

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of all claims are respectfully solicited. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, and the Examiner believes that a teleconference may be helpful, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (818) 833-5055 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required or credit overpayment to deposit account no. 50-0922. In particular, if this response is not timely filed, then the Commissioner is authorized to treat this response as including a petition to extend the time period pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136 (a) requesting an extension of time of the number of months necessary to make this response timely filed and the petition fee due in connection therewith may be charged to deposit account no. 50-0922.

Respectfully submitted,

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